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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

SHUN OGAWA ET AL

Examiner

Patricia Hightower

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 28 March 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,3-7 and 11-15 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,3-7 and 11-15 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☒ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

Response to Amendment

The cancellation of claims 2 and 8-10 in the amendment filed March 28, 2005 is acknowledged; claims 1, 3-7 and 11-15 are presently pending. In view of the applicants' amendment filed March 28, 2005, the rejection of the claims under 35 USC 102(b) as anticipated by Schade et al (USP 4,163,101) has been withdrawn.

However, the claims are subject to a new ground of rejection under 35 USC 102(b) as anticipated by Okushita et al (USP 6,297,345 newly cited).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1, 3-7 and 11-15 are newly rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Okushita et al (USP 6,297,345 newly cited).

Okushita et al (USP 6,297,345 newly cited) discloses a polyamide having excellent stretching properties comprising 50 to 99.9 mol% of a unit derived from a lactam and/or an aminocarboxylic acid, 0.1 to 25 mol% of a unit derived from a dicarboxylic acid (azelaic acid) and 0.1 to 25 mol% of a unit derived from a diamine component containing 10 to 100 mol% of at least one compound selected from the group consisting of a branched saturated diamine having 6 to 22 carbon atoms (2-methyl-1,5-pentanediamine, a branched alicyclic diamine having 6 to 16 carbon atoms, wherein the polyamide can contain additives; that anticipates the claimed invention.

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See abstract; col. 5, lines 6-50, 61-67; col. 6, lines 1-49, 50-67; col. 7, lines 1-64; the examples; the claims; col. 2, lines 45-67; col. 3, lines 1-67; col. 4, lines 1-67.

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1, 3-7 and 11-15 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.


Prior Art

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. These references are cited to show the state of the art of polyamide resin and polyamide compositions; Ogawa, Tamura, Nakamura and Bever.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Patricia Hightower whose telephone number is (571) 272-1073. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F from 9:30 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James Seidleck can be reached on (571) 272-1078. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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